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Applicant : Nobuo Ogasawara
Filed : October 9, 2001
Title : SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANAGING EXPIRATION-DATED
PRODUCTS UTILIZING AN ELECTRONIC RECEIPT

TC/A.U. : 3627
Examiner : Andrew J. Fischer

Docket No. : 47410/JEC/F179

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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July 23, 2004

Commissioner:

In response to the Office action of April 26, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

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Enclosed is an amendment to the above-identified application.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED											
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Paid For	Number Extra Claims	Small Entity Rate	Large Entity Rate	FEE					
Total Claims Fee	15	*33	0	x \$9.00	0 x \$18.00	0					
Independent Claims	2	** 3	0	- x \$43.00	0 x \$86.00	0					
Multiple Dependent Claims ***				\$145.00	\$290.00	0					
TOTAL FILING FEE						0					
NO ADDITIONAL FEE REQUIRED ****	IF NO FEE REQUIRED, INSERT "0"					0					
LIST INDEPENDENT CLAIMS: 1, 35											
* IF HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR IS 20 OR LESS, WRITE "20" IN COLUMN 3 ** IF HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR IS 3 OR LESS, WRITE "3" IN COLUMN 3 *** PAY THIS FEE ONLY WHEN MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS ARE ADDED FOR THE FIRST TIME **** IF NO FEE REQUIRED, ADDRESS ENVELOPE TO "BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENTS"											

Attached is our check for \$ to pay the fees calculated above.
 A Petition for Extension of Time and the required fee are enclosed.

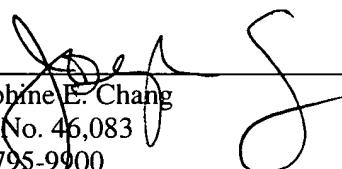
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Other enclosures:

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by or to give effect to this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. **A copy of this letter is enclosed.**

Respectfully submitted,

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